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SUBJECT: REORGANIZATION CAIRO AIRPORT AUTHORITY

1. ACCORDING TO SEPTEMBER 25 LOCAL PRESS, CAIRO AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN REORGANIZED BY REPUBLICAN DECREE AS AN INDEPENDENT ECONOMIC AUTHORITY. UNDER TERMS OF DECREE, NEW AUTHORITY WILL BE GOVERNED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS HEADED BY FORMER SUPERVISOR - GENERAL OF AIRPORT MAJOR GENERAL MAHMOUD YUNIS AL ANSARI. REMAINDER OF BOARD WILL BE MADE UP OF FIRST UNDERSECRETARY OF MIN AVIATION, CHAIRMAN OF CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY, CHAIRMAN OF EGYPTAIR, AND UNDERSECRETARIES OF MINISTRIES OF FINANCE, HEALTH, TOURISM AND INTERIOR. ACCORDING PRESS, AL ANSARI WILL HAVE CABINET-LEVEL RANK AND WILL REPORT DIRECTLY TO PRIME MINISTER. THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY WILL BE INDEPENDENT OF OTHER GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES, WITH A SEPARATE BUDGET AND AUTHORITY TO ISSUE REGULATIONS.

2. COMMENT: PRIOR TO REORGANIZATION DECREE, CAIRO AIRPORT HAD BEEN RUN BY A HODGE-PODGE OF DIFFERENT AND SOMETIME COMPETING MINISTRIES. IF PRESS REPORTS ACCURATE, REORGANIZATION SHOULD MARK IMPORTANT FIRST STEP IN GOE EFFORTS TO STREAMLINE AIRPORT OPERATIONS. EILTS

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